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Marion Co. Prosecutor's Office to hold 'End Bullying Now!' Forum

Half-day forum to feature comprehensive strategies to recognize and prevent bullying

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that the Marion County Prosecutor's Office will hold a bully prevention forum on **Saturday, Aug. 3** from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** 'End Bullying Now!' is aimed at providing parents, educators, coaches, law enforcement officers and youth service providers with strategies to recognize and prevent bullying among youth.

The forum will feature presentations by State Rep. Greg Porter, who will discuss recent changes to Indiana's bullying law, and Dr. Brandie Oliver, assistant professor of school counseling at Butler University, who will offer guidance on how parents and schools can work together to prevent and address incidents of bullying. Additional speakers include a representative from the Indiana Department of Education and a medical professional, who will share the emotional impact of bullying. Representatives from youth-service organizations will be on hand to connect attendees with local resources available in the community.

Marion County deputy prosecutors also will present Project CyberSafe, an interactive safety initiative that teaches parents and students the personal and legal implications of cyberbullying. Developed by two Marion County deputy prosecutors in early 2011, Project CyberSafe has been recognized by the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys and to date has reached more than 9,100 Marion County students.

"There are significant legal ramifications to bullying, which is why our office is committed to educating the public about these very real consequences," said Prosecutor Curry. "I strongly encourage all adults to become engaged in how we protect our children from bullying, as it has a lasting and profound impact on the lives of the victims."

What: End Bullying Now!
Bully Prevention Forum

When: Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Where: Butler University
Atherton Union, Reilly Room

Who: Prosecutor Terry Curry will attend and provide welcoming remarks

The forum is free and all adults are welcome, but registration is required. Light refreshments will be available for attendees. All attendees will receive a two hour training certificate for completion of the training. Seating is limited, so please contact Annie Kern at (317) 327-3642 or Annie.Kern@indy.gov to reserve a space. More information is available at www.indy.gov/MCPO.